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1. FACTIONAL RESURGENCE IN RULING PARTY

LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (LDP) IS EXPERIENCING NEW

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OUTBURST OF FACTIONALISM CENTERED AROUND SECURITY TREATY. INTRA-LDP CONTROVERSY ERUPTED ANEW WHEN TANZAN ISHIBASHI, FORMER PRIMIN AND LDP FACTION LEADER, STRONGLY ATTACKED SPRIMIN KISYI AFD FONMIN RFUJIYAMA FOR EARLIER STATEMENTS THAT QUEMOY AND MATSU WOULD BE COMPREHENDED WITHIN "FAR EAST" UNDER NEW TREATY (WEEKA 9,

ITEM 1) ISHUBASHI'S CHARGE PROMPTLY SUPPORTED BY LDP LEADERS MATSUMARA AND KONO BOTH OF WHOM, LIKE ISHIBASHI, TAKE EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO ~~S.V.P.E~~ AT KISHI.

ISHIBASHI MARCH 9 HELD MEETING AT HIS RESIDENCE WITH AKIRA IWAI, SEC GEN, AND OTHER LEADERS OF FAR LEFTIST SOHYO. IWAI TOLD PRESS THAT ISYIBASHI: 1) CALLED FOR PEACE TREADY WITH USSR BY SHELIVING TERRITBRIAL QUESTION; 2) SAID RATIFICATION OF SECURITY TREATY SHOULD BE POSTPONED UNTIL AFTER E. SENHOWER-KHRUSHCHEV MEETING IN JUNE ON GROUNDS THAT HANDLING OF TREATY WILL HAVE DIRECT BEARING ON CHANGES OF BREAKING DEADLOCK IN RELATIONS WITH CHICOMS; 3) REITERATED OPINION THAT GENERAL ELECTION SHOULD PRECEDE TREATY RATIFICATION "TO ASCERTAIN WILL OF PEOPLE". ISHIBASHI HAD TOLD MAINICHI REPORTER MARCH 8 THAT TREATY COULD BECOME SPRINGBOARD

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FOR US ATTACKS ON COMMUNIST POWERS AND MIGHT CAUSE NEW WAR.

ISHIBASI' REPORTED REMARKS DREW SHARP CRITICISM FROM LDP LEADERS, SOME OF WHOM FAVORED HIS EXPULSION FROM PARTY. LDP SEC GEN KAWASHIMA CAUTIONED HIM IN NAME OF PARTY TO NEASE DISRUPTIVE STATEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES. AS WEEK ENDED, ISHIBASHI FACTION DECIDED NOT TO TAKE FINAL POSITION ON TREATY UNTIL DIET DELIBERATIONS CONCLUDED. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

COMMENT: COMPETITIVE OBSERVERS, INCLUDING SEVERAL PROMINENT LDP DIET MEMBERS, HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT CURRENT FACTIONAL OUTBREAK IS AIMED AT SAPPING KISHI'S STRENGTH (TO PREVENT HIS RE-ELECTION TO THIRD TERM AS PARTY PRESIDENT) RATHER THAN AT TREATY ITSELF.

PRACTICAL EFFECT OF ISHIBASHI'S RECENT STATEMENTS AND MOVES LIMITED BY FACT JAPANESE TEND MERELY TO TOLERATE HIM AS PATHETICALLY SENIWE FIGURE. "WAIT-AND-SEE" APPROACH ON TREATY APPEARS AS EFFORT TO RETREAT FROM OVEREXTENDED POSITION IN FACE STRONG DISAPPROVAL BY LDP LEADERSHIP. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. DIET (WEEK 9, ITEM 1)

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DIET ACTIVITY IN PAST WEEKS [C]ONCENTRATED IN UPPER HOUSE
BUDGET COMMITTEE WHERE GENERAL QUESTIONING WAS DEVOTED TO SECURITY
TREATY, CHINA POLICY (WITH REFERENCE TO EDEN MEMOIRS WHICH
CLAIMED JAPAN HAD TO PROMISE TO SIGN X TREATY WITH REPUBLIC OF
CHINA BEFORE US WOULD AGREE TO CONCLUDE PEACE TREATY AND OTHER
MATTERS FOR MOST PART NOT RELATED TO BUDGET. LOWER HOUSE.
SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SECURITY TREATY MET FOR ONE HOUR ON MARCH 8
WHEN FUJIYAMA EXPLAINED GOJ POSITIONS ON VANDENBERG RESOLUTION,
TERM OF TREATY, ETC. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS BY LDP REPRESENTATIVE.
INTERPELLATION BY OPPOSITION NOW SCHEDULED TO BEGIN MARCH 15. UPPER
HOUSE MARCH 9 ESTABLISHED SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SECURITY TREATY
SIMILAR TO THAT IN LOWER HOUSE. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: SERIOUS DELIBERATION OF TREATY, STALLED BY SOCIALIST
DELAYING TACTICS, SHOULD PICK UP STEAM IN NEXT TWO WEEKS.
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3. JAPAN-KOREA (WEEK 9, ITEM 4)

PUBLIC PRESSURE FOR STRONG COUNTERACTION AGAINST ROKG
INCREASED GREATLY DURING WEEK AND REACHED POINT WHERE LDP, JSP

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AND DSP AGREED TO SUBMIT JOINT RESOLUTION DEMANDING STRONG GOJ MEASURES IF FISHERMEN NOT IMMEDIATELY RETURNED, MOREOVER, GOJ MADE CLEAR THAT FAILURE TO OBTAIN RELEASE OF FISHERMEN WOULD LEAD TO SUSPENSION JAPAN-ROK TALKS AND COUNTERMEASURES AGAINST KOREA, POSSIBLY INCLUDING APPEAL TO UN, USE OF MSDF FOR INCREASED PROTECTION OF FISHING BOATS, ETC.

FOLLOWING RETURN FROM SEBUL, ROK AMBASSADOR YOU TOLD FONOFF:
1) ROKG HAD AUTHORIZED HIM TO PROMISE REPATRIAZATION BY END OF MONTH OF ALL JAPANESE FISHERMEN WHO HAVE COMPLETED SENTENCES IN PUSAN;
2) ROKG INSISTED FINAL AGREEMENT' DETAINEE RELEASE BE PRECEDED BY TWO SESSIONS OF WORKING COMMITTEE STARTING MARCH 14; AND 32 RICE TRANSACTION SHOULD BE COMPLETELY DIVORCED FROM DETAINEE ISSUE. DESPITE SKEPTICISM STEMMING FROM YIU'S LONG RECORD OF UNFULFILLED PROMISES AND ABSENCE OF MENTION OF RELEASE OF FISHERMEN COMPLETING SENTENCES IN FUTURE, FONOFF HAS RECOMMENDED GOJ PROCEED ON BASIS YIU PROPOSAL AND BELIEVES THIS DEVELOPMENT MAY TEMPORARILY RELIEVE CRISIS IN JAPAN-ROK RELATIONS. (CONFIDENTIAL)

COMMENT: DIET AND PUBLIC WILL PROBABLY GO ALONG WITH FONOFF RECOMMENDATION, BUT IF YIU'S PROMISE TURNS OUT TO BE NOTHING MORE
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THAN ANOTHER STALLING ACTION, GOJ WILL HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO TAKE
COUNTERMEASURES DEMANDED BY AROUSED PUBLIC. (CONFIDENTIAL)

4. SUZUKI-FEDORENKO TALK

SOCIALIST (JSP) LEADERS SUZUKU AND ASANUMA INVITED SOVIET
AMBASSADOR FEDORENKO TO LUNCHEON MARCH 4. ACCORDING TO PRESS,
FEDORENKO STATED: 1) SECURITY TREATY SHOULD BE DISCUSSED BETWEEN
USSR AND JAPAN AND WOULD NOT BE SUBJECT OF EISENHOWER-KHRUSHCHEV
TALKS; 2) HABOMAI AND SHIKOTAN COULD NOT BE RETURNED WITHOUT
GUARANTEE THEY WOULD NOT BE FORTIFIED; 3) ETOFUFU AND KUNASHIRI
ARE SOVIET TERRITORIES BUT SOVIETS WOULD "CONSIDER" JAPAN'S
POSITION RE FISHING RIGHTS AROUND ISLANDS.

SUZUKI AND ASANUMA TOLD FEDORENKO THEY WOULD LIKE TO ACCEPT
INVITATION TO VISIT USSR "IF CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT" AND HOPED
KHRUSHCHEV WOULD COME TO JAPAN. SOCIALISTS ALSO PROMISED TO FO
UTMOST TO BLOCK NEW TREATY AND TO ADHERE TO POLICY OF "POSITIVE
NEUTRALITY". (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

COMMENT: MEETING SERVED TO EMPHASIZE JSP-USSR IDENTIFY
OF VIEW ON SECURITY TREATY AT TIME WHEN PUBLIC FED UP WITH SOVIET

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INTERFERENCE IN JAPAN'S DOMESTIC AFFAIRS. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

5. SOCIALIST PARTY (JSP) ACTION PROGRAM

JSP CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MARCH 5 APPROVED DRAFT ACTION PROGRAM FOR SUBMISSION TO MARCH 23-24 EXTRASORDINARY CONVENTION. DRAFT, EVEN FURTHER TO LEFT TYAN PROGRAM ADOPTED LAST FALL (WEEKA 34, ITEM 2), GOES OUT OF WAY TO ATTACH WEST EUROPEAN SOCIALIST PARTIES FOR CHANGING CHARACTER WHILE "BLINDED BY TEMPORARY PROSPERITY"; CHAUTISES DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST PARTY (DSP) FOR "DIVISIVE TACTICS" IN LABOR UNIONS AND OTHER MASS ORGANIZATIONS; CONTINUES TO LINK ALL DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS TO STRUGGLE AGAINST SECURITY TREATY (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

COMMENT: JSP SEEMS OBLIVIOUS TO LESSONS OF PARTY SPLIT, WIDESPREAD PUBLIC CRICITISM OF PARTY'U EXTREMISM, AND TRENDS IN SOCIALIST PARTIES ELSEWHERE. EXTREMISM OF ACTION PROGRAM MAY WELL BOOMERANG TOBENEFIT OF DSP CAUSE. (CONFIDENTIAL)N
ECONOMIC:

6. INDIAN IRON ORE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

FONOFF AND JAPAN STEEL FEDERATION CONFIRMED THAT JAPANESE STEEL MISSION, REPRESENTING MAJOR STEEL PRODUCERS, HAS AGREED IN

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PRINCIPLE WITH INDIAN GOVT ON JOINT DEVELOPMENT OF BAILADILIA IRON ORE DEPOSIT AND ON CONSTRUCTION OF RAIL LINK BETWEEN ORE SITE AND PORT OF VIZAGAPATNAM. JAPANESE WILL FINANCE \$21 MILLION EXPORTS OF MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT FOR MINE AND FOR SOME TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES. INDIANS HAVE AGREED TO GIVE JAPANESE SUPPLIERS FIRST CONSIDERATION IN EQUIPMENT PURCHASES AND TO EMPLOY JAPANESE TECHNICAL ADVISERS IF REQUIRED. INDIA WILL SUPPLY APPROXIMATELY 4 MILLION TONS OF BAILADILIA ORE ANNUALLY TO JAPAN ON LONG-TERM BASIS. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: AGREEMENT (SIMILAR TO EARLIER AGREEMENT ON ROURKEIA WHICH IS EFFECTIVELY OPERATING AT PRESENT) REFLECTS JAPAN'S EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH CLOSER ECONOMIC COOPERATION WITH SOUTH ASIA. IT HAPPILY COMBINES ADVANTAGES OF ASSURED MAJOR SOURCE OF LOW-PRICED ORE FOR STEEL INDUSTRY, EXPANDED EXPORT MARKETS FOR MACHINERY INDUSTRY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE FOR INDIAN GOVT. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

7. DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE GROUP MEETING.

THREE-MAN DELEGATION HEADED BY SHIGENOBU SHIMA, DEPUTY

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VICE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, LEFT FOR WASHINGTON MARCH 7 TO ATTEND FIRST MEETING OF DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE GROUP (DAG). MEETING RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE PRESS COVERAGE WITH MOST EDITORIALS TAKING VIEW THAT JAPAN MUST DO MORE IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FIELD. THERE IS MUCH FAVORABLE COMMENT CONCERNING EFFORTS MADE BY US TO SECURE JAPANESE ADMISSION TO DAG. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: JAPAN'S PARTICIPATION IN DAG HAS ALREADY HAD SALUTARY EFFECT OF FOCUSING ATTENTION ON GENERAL PROBLEM OF ASSISTANCE TO LESS-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. THERE APPEARS TO BE GENERAL PRESS AGREEMENT THAT JAPAN HAS OBLIGATION, AS ONLY ASIAN COUNTRY PARTICIPATING IN DAG, TO IMPROVE ITS OVERALL PLANNING AND EXPAND ITS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

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8. SECRETARY'S STATEMENT ON SECURITY TREATY

EXTENSIVE FRONT-PAGE COVERAGE GIVEN SECRETARY'S REMARKS ON SECURITY TREATY AT MARCH 9 PRESS CONFERENCE. PAPERS PLAYED UP SECRETARY'S STATEMENT THAT TREATY IS DEFENSIVE AND THAT SOVIETS INTERFERING IN INTERNAL JAPANESE AFFAIRS. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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1. DIET(WEEKA 10, ITEM 2)

DEBATE ON SECURITY TREATY BEGAN IN DETAIL IN LOWER HOUSE SPECIAL TREATY COMMITTEE MARCH 15-16. IN ROUGH PERSONAL ATTACK ON KISHI, FIRST SOCIALIST INTERPELLATOR CHARGED HIM WITH DECEIVING NATION RE ALLEGED DEFENSIVE NATURE OF TREATY JUST AS HE HAD MISREPRESENTED TRIPLE ALLIANCE WHICH LED TO WORLD WAR II. ON MARCH 16 DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST INTERPELLATOR PROPOSED THAT US FORCES BE STATION IN JAPAN ONLY WHEN GOJ REQUESTS THEM IN RESPONSE TO SPECIAL NEED, AND ALSO PICKED UP EARLIER STATEMENT BY KISHI IN UPPER HOUSE

OVER EDUCATION AND CENSUS REGISTRATION IN OKINAWA. KISHI AND FUJIYAMA HANDLED ALL QUESTIONS WITHOUT DIFFICULTY. QUERIED WHETHER SUCH ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITY RE EDUCATION AND CENSUS REGISTRATION WOULD NOT AUTOMATICALLY BRING OKINAWA INTO TREATY AREA, THEY REPLIED THAT IT WOULD NOT. LDP LEADERS HAVE INDICATED THEY HOPE FOR LOWER HOUSE APPROVAL OF TREATY BY APRIL 20.

ON MARCH 17 UPPER HOUSE STEERING COMMITTEE OVER LOUD OPPOSITION PROTESTS VOTED TO END DEBATE ON CONTROVERSIAL DEMONSTRATION CONTROL

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BILL (WEEK 3, ITEM 1) IN HOPE OF SECURING PROMPT PLENARY SESSION ACTION. SJP REACTED BY DECLARING BOYCOTT OF ALL UPPER HOUSE PROCEEDINGS. DISCUSSIONS NOW IN PROCESS ON MEANS TO BREAK THROUGH LATEST SOCIALIST ROADBLOCK. DIRECTORS OF LOWER HOUSE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE MARCH 17 POSTPONED FOJ AT LEAST ONE WEEK FINAL DISCUSSION ON ACTION TO BE TAKEN AGAINST SOCIALISTS INVOLVED IN NOVEMBER 27 DIET RIOT (WEEK 3, ITEM 5). (OFFICIAL USE ONLY) COMMENT: DOUBTFUL WHETHER GOJ WILL PUSH EITHER DEMONSTRATION CONTROL BILL OR DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST SOCIALISTS TO POINT WHERE IT MIGHT THREATEN TO UPSET SCHEDULE FOR TREATY RATIFICATION. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. LDP AND TREATY (WEEK 10, ITEM 1) ACTIVITIES WITHIN LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (LDP) DURING WEEK CENTERED AROUND PROBLEM OF RESURGENT FACTIONALISM OSTENSIBLY RELATED TO TREATY ISSUES. UNDER PRESSURE FROM PARTY LEADERSHIP AND INDUSTRIALISTS, ISHIBASHI ADOPTED "WAIT AND SEE" ATTITUDE TOWARD TREATY. ON MARCH 13, FORMER PRIME MINISTER YOSHIDA URGED UPON OLD COHORTS MINISTERS SATO AND MITI MINISTER IKEDA VITAL IMPORTANCE

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OF CLOSING LDP RANKS TO EXPEDITE DIET APPROVAL OF TREATY.
FOLLOWING DAY LDP ANTI-MAINSTREAM LEADERS TAKEO MIKI IN ARRIVAL
STATEMENT ON RETURN FROM TRIP TO EUROPE AND AFRICA DECLARED TREATY
DESIGNED TO PROTECT JAPAN AND SHOULD BE APPROVED IN PRESENT
DIET SESSION.

ON MARCH 17 KISHI MET WITH ICHIRO KONO, ALSO OF ANTI-
MAINSTREAM FORKS, FOLLOWING WHICH PRESS WAS FILLED WITH REPORTS,
DENIALS, AND COUNTERDENIALS THAT IN RETURN FOR KONO'S COOPERATION
ON TREATY KISHI HAD AGREED NOT TO SEEK THIRD TERM. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

COMMENT: EVENTS OF WEEK SUGGEST LDP CLOSING RANKS BEHIND
TREATY AND FURTHER CONFIRM ESTIMATE THAT CURRENT FACTIONAL

MANEUVERS IN LDP AIMED NOT SO MUCH AT UPSETTING APPROVAL OF TREATY
AS AGAINST KISHI'S CONTINUED LEADERSHIP OF PARTY. (CONFIDENTIAL)

3. BATTLE FOR JSP CHAIRMANSHIP (WEEK 8, ITEM 4)

ONE WEEK BEFORE RCH 23-24 SOCIALIST PARTY (JSP)

EXTRAORDINARY CONVENTION SHOWDOWN LOOMS BETWEEN SUZUKI AND

MATSUMOTO FACTIONS, WHICH HAVE OPENLY COME OUT IN SUPPORT OF SEGGEN

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ASANUMA TO REPLACE SUZUKI AS CHAIRMAN, AND KAWAKAMI AND WADA FACTIONS, WHICH ARGUE THAT PARTY CAN BE MAINTAINED ONLY IF KAWAKAMI IS ELECTED. SKAWAKAMI STOLE MARCH ON SUZUKI AT MARCH 14 PRESS CONFERENCE WHEN HE FORMALLY ANNOUNCED CANDIDACY, FROM WHICH HE HAS SUBSEQUENTLY REFUSED TO BACK DOWN. SUZUKI, WHO IS EXPECTED TO ISSUE FORMAL "DECLARATION OF INTENTIONS" MARCYO TOLD KAWAKAMI THAT HE HOPED TO "GAIN HIS UNDERSTANDING" FOR CHOICE OF ASANUMA. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

COMMENT: DECISION ON CHAIRMANSHIP UNLIKELY UNTIL JUST BEFORE CONVENTION AND KAWAKAMI FACTION MAY STILL FORCE OPEN ELECTION ON CONVENTION FLOOR. IN LATER EVENT, KAWAKAMI WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY BE DEFEATED, BUT, IN ANY CASE, POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER PARTY SPLIT LOOMS LARGE. ALTHOUGH SUZUKI'S RESIGNATION NOW SEEMS PROBABLE, HE MIGHT BE "PERSUADED" TO REMAIN IN OFFICE IN EVENT OF COMPLETE DEADLOCK. (CONFIDENTIAL)

4. JAPAN - KOREA (WEEKA 10, ITEM 3)

JAPAN-ROK NEGOTIATIONS FOR MUTUAL RELEASE OF PUSAN AND OMURA DETAINEES AND JAPANESE PURCHASE OF KOREAN RICE PROCEEDED

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SMOOTHLY THIS WEEK. BOTH SIDES AGREED TENTATIVELY TO HOLD FORMAL
SESSION OF LIAISON COMMITTEES MARCH 19 IN ORDER TO EXCHANGE LISTS
OF DETAIN^AEES TO BE REPATRIATED AND TO SET SCHEDULE FOR REPATRIATION
SAILINGS SO THAT FISHERMEN WILL RETURN BY MARCH 31. FONOFF HAS
ENDEAVORED TO OBTAIN CABINET APPROVAL FOR PURCHASE OF 30,000 TONS
POLISHED KOREAN RICE. PRESSURE IN DIET AND PRESS FOR STERN
JAPANESE COUNTERMEASURES HAS SUBSIDED AND JAPANESE ARE GENERALLY
RESIGNED TO GOJ'S DECISION FOR ONE MORE EXPERIMENT WITH ROKG, S
PROMISE RRE FISHERMEN. (CONFIDENTIAL)

COMMENT(ALTHOUGH THERE ARE MANY PRETEXTS WHICH COULD BE
USED TO POSTPONE DETAINEES RELEASE, FONOFF SEEMS PLEASED WITH
PROGRESS OF NEGOTIATIONS AND BELIEVES AMBASSADOR YIU HAS FINALLY
BEEN INSTRUCTED TO EXPEDITE RELEASE OF FISHERMEN. (CONFIDENTIAL)

5. EDUCATION MINISTER MEETS NIKKYOSO LEADERS (WEEK 7, ITEM 7)
EDUCATION MINISTER TAKECHUYO MATSUDA MET WITH NIKKYOSO
(JAPAN TEACHERS UNION) LEADERS MARCH 16. NO SUBSTANTIVE QUESTIONS
DISCUSSED, BUT MATSUDA AGREED TO MEET WITH UNION AGAIN IN FUTURE
AND INCLUDE ON GOJ SIDE WORKING-LEVEL EDUCATION OFFICIALS IF

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WARRANTED BY PROGRESS IN TALKS.

NIKKYOSO ALSO HANDED MAZSUDA WRITTEN DEMANDS FOR RESTUDY
OF TEACHER RATING SYSTEM, RATIFICATION OF ILO CONVENTION 87, ETC.

ADMIN OFFICIAL PRESENT TALKS INFORMED EMBASSY NIKKYOSO SHOWED
NO SIGN OF WILLINGNESS TO COMPROMISE AND LITTLE PROGRESS ANTICIPATED
FROM FUTURE MEETINGS. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

COMMENT: MATSUDA CERTAIN TO BE CRITICIZED FOR "CONCILIATORY
ATTITUDE" BY MANY CONSERVATIVE CIRCLES, BUT BY AGREEING TO INTERVIEW
HE MAY HAVE GAINED SOME PUBLIC SUPPORT AND MAY HAVE WEAKENED POSITION
OF EXTREMIST ANTI-MAINSTREAM FACTION IN NIKKYOSO WHICH ADVOCATES
MORE ACTIVE "STRUGGLES". (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

6. ZENGAKUREN CONVENTION (WEEK 9, ITEM 7)

FIFTEENTH SPECIAL CONVENTION OF ZENGAKUREF (RADICAL LEFTIST
STUDENT GROUP) MARCH 16-17, OPENED WITH FIST FIGHTS AND CONFUSION
WHEN COMMUNIST LEAGUE (EXTREMIST MAINSTREAM GROUP), USING PRETEXT
OF UNPAID DUES, FORCIBLY PREVENTED MOST OF ANTI-MAINSTREAM DELEGATES
FROM ENTERING CONFERENCE HALL. AFTER WILD DEMONSTRATION, ENTIRE
ANTI-MAINSTREAM GROUP (REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST LEAGUE PLUS ORTHODOX

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JAPAN COMMUNIST PARTY FACTION) WITHDREW TO HOLD ITS OWN MEETING. ANTI-MAINSTREAM FACTION, WHICH ALSO BOYCOTTED SECOND DAY'S SESSIONS, CLAIMED PROCEEDINGS INVALID BUT MAINSTREAM CONTINUED TO CONDUCT CONVENTION BUSINESS. AFTER THIS FIASCO, CONCENTION ADJOURNED DAY EARLY. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: IF MAINSTREAM CONTINUES TO INSIST CONVENTION WAS VALID, SPLIT ZENGAKUREN WOULD BE NO SURPRISE. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

7. SPLIT IN MIKMINERS UNION

ABOUT 4,000 OF 14,500-MEMBER MIIKE MINE LOCAL MARCH 17 ANNOUNCED FORMATION OF SECOND UNION OPPOSED TO CONTINUATION OF STRIKE AGAINST MITSUI COAL COMPANY'S RATIONALIZATION PROGRAM.

NEW UNION DECLARED ITS READINESS TO RETURN TO MINEN AND MITSUI SPOKESMAN EXPRESSED MANAGEMENT'S DECISION TO RESUME PRODUCTION WITH PARTIAL WORK FORCE. SAME DAY, SOHYO AND TANRO (JAPAN COAL MINE WORKERS' UNION) LEADERS

PROTESTED FORMATION OF NEW UNION AND LAID PLANS TO BLOCK RETURN

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TO WORK BY INDEPENDENT MINERS. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: MOVEMENT TO FORM SECOND UNION BREAKS STALEMATE
IN TENSE MIIKE SITUATION WHICH BEGAN WITH SIMULTANEOUS STRIKE AND
LOCKOUT ON JANUARY 25 (WEEK 4, ITEM 10). ALTHOUGH THERE REMAINS
POSSIBILITY OF VIOLENCE AT MIIKE, DEVELOPMENT VIRTUALLY ENSURES
FAILURE OF TARNOS FIGHT AGAINST COMPANY'S RATIONALIZATION PLANS.
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8. NIIJIMA DISPUTE RESOLVED (WEEK 50, ITEM 6)
NIIJIMA VILLAGE ASSEMBLY MARCH 13 VOTED 8-6 TO ACCEPT
JAPAN DEFENSE AGENCY (JDA) PLAN FOR MISSILE-TESTING BASE
ON ISLAND. OPPONENTS OF BASE INTEND TO STAGE RECALL MOVEMENT
AGAINST PRO-BASE VILLAGE ASSEMBLYMEN AND MAYOR. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)
COMMENT: FINAL AGREEMENT MADE POSSIBLE AS RESULT OF JDA
COMMITMENTS WHICH WILL IMPROVE ISLAND'S ECONOMY, PRIMARY CONCERN
OF PRO-BASE ELEMENTS. WAY NOW CLEARED FOR BASE CONSTRUCTION
AGAINST WHICH REAR-GUARD ACTION OF BASE OPPONENTS STANDS LITTLE
CHANCE OF SUCCESS. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

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9. REACTIONS TO DISARMAMENT TALKS (WEEK 7, ITEM 10)

COMMENTARIES ON DISARMAMENT TALKS EXPRESSED CAUTIOUS HOPE FOR CONFERENCE, FELT THAT ~~BASIC~~ MISTRUST BETWEEN EAST AND WEST MUST BE OVERCOME IF PROGRESS IS TO BE ACHIEVED, AND DECLARED THAT WESTERN PROPOSAL WAS "MORE REALISTIC" THAN SOVIET DISARMAMENT PLAN. SEVERAL OBSERVERS THOUGHT THAT NEED FOR DISARMAMENT AGREEMENT WAS MORE URGENT THAN EVER OWING TO RECENT PROGRESS IN ADVANCED WEAPONS AND DANGER THAT COMMUNIST KHUFA WILL PRODUCE ITS OWN ~~ATOMIC~~ WEAPONS. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: JAPANESE PUBLIC WOULD WELCOME DISARMAMENT AGREEMENT AMONG MAJOR POWERS HOWEVER IT WAS REACHED, BUT INFORMED OBSERVERS FAVOR WESTERN PLAN OVER THAT ADVANCED BY SOVIETS. FONOFF OFFICIAL HAS COMMENTED THAT SINCE LAST SEPTEMBER GENERAL PUBLIC HAS BECOME MUCH MORE AWARE OF NECESSITY FOR INSPECTION CONTROLS.

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10. REACTION OF PIONEER 5

SUCCESSFUL LAUNCHING OF PIONEER 5 RECEIVED EXTENSIVE COVERAGE IN JAPANESE PRESS. EDITORIALS AND RADIO COMMENTARIES SAID THAT EVENT "RESTORED" US PRESTIGE AND PROVED THAT US NOT LAGGING

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BEHIND SOVIETS IN SPACE RESEARCH DEVELOPMENTS. (UNCLASSIFIED)
COMMENT: SUCCESS IN SHOOTING COMPLICATED SPACE VEHICLE INTO
ORBIT SERVED TO REMIND JAPANESE PUBLIC OF US ACHIEVEMENTS IN
SPACE SCIENCE AND HELPED BALANCE IMPACT OF SOVIET MOON SHOT
(WEEKA 44, ITEM 7). MILITARY EXPERTS AND SCIENTISTS, HOWEVER,
REMAIN IMPRESSED BY SOVIETS' CAPABILITY TO PUT HEAVIER PAYLOAD
INTO SPACE THAN US. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

ARMY

11. GROUND SELF DEFENSE FORCE (GSDF) CHANGES AND PROMOTIONS
ON MARCH 11, LT. GEN ICHII SUGITA WAS APPOINTED CHIEF OF
STAFF, GSDF, REPLACING GEN. SHIGERU SUGIYAMA WHO RETIRED.
LT. GEN HIROMU HOSODA, G-5, GSDF, REPLACED DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF,
LT. GEN KAN OMORI, WHO ASSUMED COMMAND OF EASTERN ARMY. (UNCLASSIFIED)
COMMENT: OMORI, SENIOR TO SUGITA, HAD BEEN CONSIDERED MOST
LIKELY CANDIDATE TO SUCCEED SUGIYAMA. SUGITA'S SELECTION PRIMARILY
DUE PROFESSIONAL MILITARY OFFICERS' OPPOSITION TO "POLICE
BACKGROUND" OF OMORI. SUGITA'S AGE (56) LIMITS HIS TOUR TO TWO
RATHER THAN NORMAL THREE YEARS. SUGITA-HOSODA TEAM FAVORABLY

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ORIENTED TOWARD US, PROFESSIONALLY COMPETENT, AND SHOULD PROVIDE
EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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12. MSDF NEW SHIPS

ON MARCH 14, JDS MIKURA (MSC 612) WAS LAUNCHED BY HITACHI
SHIPBUILDING AND ON MARCH 15, JDS MAKINAMI (DDK 112) WAS LAUNCHED
BY SINO SHIPBUILDING. JDS YAMADORI (PC 312) WAS DELIVERED BY
FUJINAGATA SHIPBUILDING ON MARCH 15 AND ASSIGNED TO 4TH PATJOL
DIVISION AT MAIZURU. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: COMMISSINING OF YAMADGI COMPLETES DELIVERY OF
FOUR NEW PC'S FOR NEW 4TH PATROL DIVISION BASED AT MAIZURU.
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13. MSDF FLAG OFFICER CHANGES

FOLLOWING FLAG OFFICER CHANGES WERE MADE MARCH 16:

VADM YASUMARO TANIGUCHI RETIRED; VADM NBBUO FUKUCHI TO COMMANDANT,
YOKOSUKA REGIONAL DISTRICT; VADM YOSHIMORI TERAU TO SUPT., SMSDF
STAFF COLLEGE, VADM TAKAO ASO TO COMMANDER, SELF DEFENSE FLEET(SDF);
RADM YOSHIMITSU SEKITO TO COMMANDER, SECOND ESCORT SQUADRON, SDF;

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RADM TOMAHARU MISHIMURA TO CHIEF, J-3, JOINT STAFF COUNCIL.
RADMSMISAJI YAMASAWA PROMOTED TO VADM; CAPT. MASABIKO MORINAGA
PROMOTED TO RADM. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: VADM TERAJ WITH THIS ASSIGNMENT APPEARS ELIMINATED
AS CONTENDER FOR NEXT CHIEF OF STAFF. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT
VADM YAMASAWA IS BEING PROMOTED JUST PRIOR TO RETIREMENT.
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